

U.S.S. Louisville
Approved & put on inactive list
4-8-40 by order of Board of Directors
OK to 16-40
Santa Barbara Islands
Hello George: yours
Kercher
January, 1940

Received your letter of notification of dues being in arrears a few minutes ago. It was an unpleasant surprise naturally, but obviously through no fault of yours. My memory fails as to accurate dates but during the 1st six months of last year while I was still back east, I broached that subject while in conversation with either Emil Felber or Bill Brossman, and was assured by him that my name would be placed on the inactive list but still in membership. At that time, or rather, up to that time, I had had no knowledge that such a list was in evidence, it being my intention to forward my dues in to you yearly. It was either Emil or Bill who informed me of this list and assured me that I had no more "worry" but that the matter would be attended to. I'm sorry this situation has come and hope that this

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letter will straighten the matter out. At any rate, this letter should be construed as a request to be placed on the inactive listing.

Give my regards to the gang back there. Incidentally, some of these same ^(m) PAE members obviously have forgotten the existence of pens or pencils. I often hear some of the gang on the air - (at least they get into the Pacific - if not over) and wonder what's happening in Milwaukee as far as the ham gang is concerned, but "nary a peep" here of late. How about getting some info once in a while. Due to this ship traveling as it does (be it circles or a straight line) I don't get on the beach much to operate and am back to the BCL or SWL status as far as operating. This being the case, any news of who's what from back there would be all the more appreciated - There should be 1 pencil pushed in the club.

So tnt agn, good luck, and

73's

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